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SUBJ: CHAD OPTS FOR RECOGNITION OF MPLA; GOC TO BE REPRESENTED

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1. ON JANUARY 5 FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUQUE ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT GOC POLICY ON ANGOLA AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT REMAINED UNCHANGED AND THAT GOC POLICY THUS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF US. GOC POSITION DRAMATICALLY REVERSED, APPARENTLY AFTER MEETING SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL EVENING JANUARY 6, AS RADIO CHAD 2000 HOURS THAT DAY AND INFO CHAD JAN 7 ANNOUNCED THAT GOC HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT MPLA AND TO URGE SUCH ACTION AT OAU CONFERENCE WHERE GOC TO BE REPRESENTED BY NEW SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAMAI YOUSSEBO (NUMBER TWO IN MINISTRY), AND MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL ABDUL BOUKAR NANASBAYE (NUMBER THREE).

2. RATIONALE FOR GOC SUPPORT MPLA GIVEN IN FOUR AND HALF PAGE CSM STATEMENT WHICH ALLEGES FOREIGN INTERVENTION DUE TO GREED FOR MATERIAL RICHES OF ANGOLA, AND ITS "PRIVILEGED GEO-
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POLITICAL SITUATION." GOC DESIRED THAT CESSATION ALL FOREIGN

INTERVENTION IN ANY FORM; THAT THREE GROUPS RENOUNCE ALL TIES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES; AND THAT THREE GROUPS UNIFY THEMSELVES UNDER AEGIS OAU. MPLA MUST BE SUPPORTED, HOWEVER, AS IT ALONE CAN INSURE DEFENSE ANGOLA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA THREAT. GOC THEREFORE "INVITES OAU WITHOUT RESERVE TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT OF POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA PRESIDED OVER BY DR. AGOSTHINO NOTE AND TO DEPLOY ALL EFFORTS NECESSARY TO CONVINCE UNITA AND THE FNLA TO CEASE THEIR FRATICIDICAL STRUGGLE FOR ((TO ACHIEVE)) THE DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY."

3. COMMENT: TIMING OF GOC ANNOUNCEMENT IS AS MUCH A SURPRISE AS ITS CONTENTS. WHILE GOC COULD BE EXPECTED HOP ON ANY BANDWAGON ONCE IT ROLLING, DECISION TO HELP ORGANIZE BAND BEFORE DEPARTURE IS SURPRISING. IT IS TEMPTING TO TIE DECISION TO POSSIBLE GOC OVERALL CONSIDERATION THAT ITS CHANCES ARE SLIM OF GETTING ITS IMMEDIATE AND URGENT (AS IT SEES THEM) NEEDS FROM US OR WEST, AND IT DESIRABLE GET AS MUCH MILEAGE AS POSSIBLE FROM USSR AND FRIENDS FOR ANGOLA DECISION. MINISTER AGRICULTURE GOUARA LASSOU ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED AS SENIOR GOC DELEGATE BUT APPARENTLY DECISION CHANGED AND HE DID NOT GO. SECSTATE GALMAI'S RECENT ELEVATION TO PRESENT POSITION FROM CAREER IN MINISTRY JUSTICE GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED MORE TO HIS NORTHERN CHAD (BET) ORIGINS THAN HIS EXPERIENCE, ALTHOUGH HE WELL-EDUCATED AND INTELLIGENT. MAY WELL BE, HOWEVER, THAT MORE SENIOR MEMBER GOC SUCH AS MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS KAMOUGUE, MINISTER ECONOMY AND FINANCE DJOGO, OR EVEN VICE PRESIDENT DJIME MAY LATER BE SENT ADDIS AS SENIOR DELEGATE.LITTLE

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